



Wisconsin Annual Milk Production - 2010

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Wisconsin Sets New Milk Production Record in 2010

Wisconsin's 1.26 million milk cows produced 26.0 billion pounds of milk in 2010. This represents a 3 percent increase from 2009 and is a new record for Wisconsin. Statewide, milk per cow averaged 20,630 pounds, 551 pounds more than a year earlier. In 2010 Wisconsin accounted for 14 percent of the nation's production.

Nationally 193 billion pounds of milk were produced in 2010, up 2 percent from 2009. Average milk per cow grew to 21,149, up 576 pounds from the previous year. The number of milk cows in the U.S. decreased in 2010. There were 9.12 million cows, 86,000 fewer than in the previous year.

California continued to be the nation's top milk producer with 40.4 billion pounds in 2010. Wisconsin was second with 26.0 billion pounds. Idaho passed New York to take over third place with 12.8 billion pounds. New York moved into fourth place with 12.7 billion pounds, and Pennsylvania remained in fifth place with 10.7 billion pounds of milk.

The average number of dairy farms licensed to sell milk in Wisconsin during 2010 was 12,710, down 460 from the previous year. The U.S. total was 53,127 licensed dairy herds, a loss of 1,805 herds.

Annual Milk Cows and Production, Major States and United States, 2009-2010

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Pro- duction % chnge 2010/09
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
WI	1,257	1,262	20,079	20,630	25,239	26,035	+3
CA	1,796	1,754	22,000	23,025	39,512	40,385	+2
ID	550	564	22,091	22,658	12,150	12,779	+5
MI	355	358	22,445	23,260	7,968	8,327	+5
MN	469	470	19,230	19,366	9,019	9,102	+1
NM	325	321	24,320	24,551	7,904	7,881	n.c.
NY	619	611	20,071	20,807	12,424	12,713	+2
PA	545	541	19,360	19,841	10,551	10,734	+2
TX	423	413	20,898	21,375	8,840	8,828	n.c.
US	9,203	9,117	20,573	21,149	189,334	192,819	+2

1/Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.